

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 13, 2007

John B. Poersch Jr., Treasurer Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee 120 Maryland Avenue NE Washington, DC 20002

Response Due Date: August 13, 2007

Identification Number: C00042366

Reference:

April Monthly Report (3/1/07-3/31/07)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 2 items:

- 1. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule B supporting Line(s) 21(b) of your report to clarify the following description(s): "CONS./PROF. SERV. POLITICAL". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).
- 2. Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) to "America Coming Together" for goods and/or services provided by that committee(s). 11 CFR §100.52(d)(1) states that "...the provision of any goods or services without charge or at a charge which is less than the usual and normal charge for such goods or services is a contribution." Examples of goods and services include equipment, supplies, personnel, membership lists and mailing lists. The term "usual and normal charge" for goods is defined as "...the price of those goods in the market from which they ordinarily would have been purchased at the time of the contribution". The usual and normal charge for services is defined as "...the hourly or piecework charge for the services at a commercially reasonable rate prevailing at the time the services were rendered." 11 CFR §100.52(d)(2)

Please clarify whether your committee was assessed the usual and normal charge for the goods and/or services you received and explain the steps the